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[Inclosure.]

ANGEL ISLAND, CAL., *July 25, 1903.*

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
421 Market street, San Francisco, Cal.

SIR: I beg leave to inform you that on account of the sanitary conditions prevailing in and about Hongkong and Kowloon it is absolutely necessary for me to hold all vessels from that port that have lain in or alongside of the docks unless they bear a certificate from the medical officer of this service stationed in Hongkong which satisfies me that they have taken such precautions in the way of tarred ropes, rat-proof guards, and distance from the wharf to the dock as would have prevented their becoming infected with rats.

I shall endeavor to expedite matters in every way compatible with the sanitary safety of the country, and to this end I propose, after fumigating the holds of such vessels as may need fumigation, to allow them to proceed to the dock for the discharge of their cargo with an employee of this service, who will look out for rats and take such measures as may be necessary to prove them infected or noninfected

On account of the existence of plague in the port of Honolulu, you are requested to instruct the masters of your vessels to comply with the simple regulations laid down by the chief quarantine officer at that port.

Respectfully, HUGH S. CUMMING,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, Quarantine Officer.

NOTE.—Copy of this letter was sent to all steamship companies at San Francisco.

Summary of work in Chinatown, San Francisco, for week ended August 29, 1903.

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, at San Francisco, under date of August 31, being record of work in Chinatown for week ended August 29, 1903:

Reinspection of Chinatown:	
Buildings	187
Rooms	1,289
Persons	1,374
Reinspection of Latin Quarter:	
Buildings	79
Rooms	564
Persons	557
Sick inspected: (Chinese, 20; Latin quarter, 5)	25
Sick seen and prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary	12
Dead examined: (Chinese, 5; Japanese, 1)	6
Necropsies	2
Provisional diagnosis of plague (Japanese)	1
Rats bacteriologically examined	35
Number showing pest infection	0
Places limed and disinfected	1,287
Times streets swept	3
Sewers flushed	24
Total number of plumbing inspections	12